

Hon. J. Bracken Lee
Re: Restoration Proclamation - Bear River

September 19, 1955

On June 9, 1955 I notified the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Utah Water and Power Board of my proposed recommendation in order that all necessary precautions could be taken to acquire and protect the water rights for any proposed state or federal projects.

On August 12, 1955, a meeting was held at which the Utah Water and Power Board was represented by George D. Clyde and Raymond J. Madsen and the Bureau of Reclamation by E. O. Larson, Stuart McMaster and E. K. Thomas. At that meeting it was understood that all necessary precautions would be taken to acquire and protect the water rights for any proposed state or federal projects by September 15, 1955.

It is for the reasons outlined above that I recommend that the right of the public to appropriate the surplus and unappropriated water from all sources within the Bear River Drainage area in Utah be fully restored. Upon approval of this proclamation, kindly return to this office two executed copies of the proclamation in order that the records of this office will be complete.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph M. Tracy
STATE ENGINEER

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